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SUBJECT: NORTH PACIFIC POLLOCK STOCKS AND 1978 ALLOCATIONS

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1. EMB UNABLE AS YET TO CONTACT FISHERY OFFICER OF SOVIET EMB TO DETERMINE ATTITUDE ON 1978 ROK FISHERY OFF KAMCHATKA. INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH YONEZAWA AND MATSUURA OF JFA, HOWEVER, SUGGEST LITTLE HOPE FOR ROK FISHERY IN SOVIET ZONE.

2. STATUS OF KAMCHATKA POLLOCK STOCK NOT CLEAR TO JAPANESE SCIENTISTS. DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS, GOJ REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSIONS ON STATUS OF KAMCHATKA POLLOCK STOCK. USSR REFUSED AND LIMITED DISCUSSIONS ONLY TO QUOTA GOJ WOULD RECEIVE. HAVING ONLY TOTAL CATCH DATA AVAILABLE, JAPAN SCIENTISTS RELUCTANT TO HAZARD A GUESS ON STATUS OF STOCKS.

3. KAMCHATKA POLLOCK CATCHES IN THOUSANDS OF METRIC TONS

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OBTAINED FROM MATSURRA OF JFA (HE HAS REQUESTED THAT SOURCE OF DATA BE PROTECTED) AS FOLLOWS:

1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976

USSR N.A. 532 1158 1252 1566 N.A.

JAPAN N.A. N.A. N.A. N.A. 976 1000 (EST.)

ROK 55 99 197 213 302 330-400

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1/ FIGURE GIVEN IN REF B.

JAPAN CATCH IN 1977 WILL BE ABOUT 30 PCT LESS THAN IN 1976.

MATSUURA NOT WILLING TO GUESS AT QUOTA WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER LONG TERM AGREEMENT. THIS WILL SOON BE NEGOTIATED WITH USSR.

4. THOUGH DEFINITIVE DATA ON KAMCHATKA POLLOCK NOT AVAILABLE FOR CALCULATION OF ESTIMATE OF MSY, FISHATT CONCLUSION IS THAT HARVEST OF ABOUT 3 MILLION METRIC TONS IS PROBABLY SUBSTANTIAL OVER-EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCE. BERING SEA POLLOCK FISHERY, THOUGHT AT ONE TIME TO BE 2ND LARGEST SINGLE SPECIES FISHERIES IN WORLD, PEAKED AT ABOUT 1.9 MILLION METRIC TONS IN 1972 AND WAS IN SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE BEFORE U.S. IMPOSED QUOTAS. MSY IS CLEARLY CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THIS, PERHAPS 1.1-1.3 MILLION METRIC TONS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE THAT KAMCHATKA POLLOCK FISHERY AREA COULD BE SO MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN BERING SEA SO AS TO WARRANT CONTINUED FISHERY AT 3 MILLION METRIC TONS.

5. REGFISHATT WIEHES TO POINT OUT AGAIN, STATEMENT IN HIS TRIP REPORT TO ROK, OF ITS COMPLAINT ON PROBLEM OF TRAWLING FOR POLLOCK IN ALASKA WATERS. THIS BROUGHT OUT ALSO IN REF B. PRESUME DEPT IS TAKING CAREFUL NOTE OF SAME REF PARA 5 ON GROC ALLEGED STATEMENT THAT 5000 TON ALLOCATION NOT COMMERCIALY VIABLE. THIS BRINGS UP QUESTION WHETHER VERY SMALL ALLOCATIONS OF ANY ONE SPECIES SHOULD BE MADE TO ANY COUNTRY. IT MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAKE FOR MORE EFFICIENT FISHERIES IF VERY SMALL ALLOCATIONS OF PARTICULAR SPECIES TO A COUNTRY BE ELIMINATED BUT THIS AMOUNT, IN KIND, BE ADDED TO ALLOCATIONS OF OTHER SPECIES TO THAT COUNTRY. THIS ADMITTEDLY WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EFFECT BUT PERHAPS SHOULD BE GIVEN SOME CONSIDERATION. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE TO SET QUOTAS IN SUCH MANNER THAT FOREIGN COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE SOME OPPORTUNITY TO BARGAIN WITH ONE ANOTHER SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO PROCEDURES CARRIED OUT IN IWC. MANSFIELD

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